

BILL NO. 02-47

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 02-47

Introduced by Council Member Geppi, Chenowith, Stepp, Miller, Heselton and Council President Hirsch

Legislative Day No. 02-21 Date September 3, 2002

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, the definition of solicitor, of Section 197-1, Definitions; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 197-5, Prohibitions; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 197-6, Exemptions, all of Article I, Solicitors, of Chapter 197, Peddling and Soliciting, all of the Harford County Code, as amended; to prohibit the solicitation of occupants of vehicles; and generally relating to solicitors.

By the Council, September 3, 2002

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: October 8, 2002

at: 7:15 P.M.

By Order: James E. Massey, Jr., Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on October 8, 2002, and concluded on, October 8, 2002.

James E. Massey, Jr., Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

BILL NO. 02-47

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that the definition of solicitor, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, of Section 197-1, Definitions; that Section 197-5, Prohibitions, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments; and that Section 197-6, Exemptions, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all of Article I, Solicitors, of Chapter 197, Peddling and Soliciting, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

Chapter 197. Peddling and Soliciting

Article I. Solicitors

§ 197-1. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

SOLICITOR - A person who goes from door to door visiting multifamily or single-family dwellings OR A PERSON STANDING ON A STREET OR HIGHWAY for the following purposes:

A. To sell any goods, wares or merchandise, including magazines and other printed matter, or to accept subscriptions or orders therefore.

B. to accept or request donations for any charitable purpose.

§ 197-5. Prohibitions.

No person shall:

A. Enter into or upon a private residence in the county under false pretenses to solicit for any purpose or for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise.

B. Remain in a private residence or on the premises thereof after the owner or occupant has requested such person to leave.

C. Enter into or upon the premises of a private residence for soliciting when the owner or occupant has displayed a "No Soliciting" sign on such premises.

1 D. Engage in the practice of soliciting in the county without a license required by this
2 Article.

3 E. Knowingly allow an employee or agent to solicit without a license required by this
4 Article.

5 F. STAND ON A STREET OR HIGHWAY AND SOLICIT, OR ATTEMPT TO
6 SOLICIT, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS OR CONTRIBUTION FROM THE
7 OCCUPANTS OF ANY VEHICLE.

8 **§197-6. Exemptions.**

9 The provisions of this Article shall not apply to the following:

10 A. Any person who visits any residence or apartment at the request or invitation of the
11 owner or occupant thereof.

12 B. Unpaid members of any civic or charitable organization who are registered as such
13 with the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, when the names of the
14 solicitors have been listed as such members and the organization has provided each
15 person listed with an approved means of identification with the organization
16 represented AND ARE NOT ENGAGED IN SOLICITING ON A STREET OR
17 HIGHWAY.

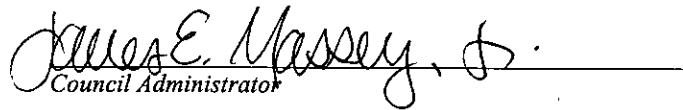
18 C. Newsboys soliciting subscriptions to any newspaper published in the county or the state.

19 D. Route deliverymen who make deliveries at least once a week to regular customers and
20 whose solicitation is only incidental to their regular deliveries.

- 1 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, That this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it
2 becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: December 10, 2002

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen
(15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to
the public and the press.*


Council Administrator

BILL NO. 02-47

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 02-47

Brief Title) Solicitation—Person Standing on Street or Highway--Prohibition

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James E. Massey, Jr.
Administrator

[Signature]
President

Date 10.8.02

Date 10/8/02

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 02-24 (October 8, 2002)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

James E. Massey, Jr. Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 10th day of October, 2002, at 4:00 p.m.



James E. Massey, Jr. Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE

James H. Hopkins
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date Oct. 11, 2002

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 02-47, having been returned by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on October 11, 2002.

James E. Massey, Jr. Administrator

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2002

BILL NO. 02-47